

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 13, line 4 with the following amended paragraph:

100µl per well of purified protein at 0.5µg/ml concentration was diluted with coating buffer and then immobilized in a 96-well culture plate (Costar Co.). After reacting at 4°C for 16 hours, the wells were treated with phosphate-buffered saline containing 0.05% Tween-20 (PBST). After washing once with 300µl per well, 200µl blocking buffer was added. The reaction was carried out at room temperature for 1 hour and then washed with PBST for three times. Culture broth pre-cultivated with cell hybridoma was added. The reaction was carried out at room temperature for 2 hours and then washed with PBST for five times. A 2,000-fold dilution (PBST) of goat anti-mouse immunoglobulin G linked with horseradish peroxidase (Zymed Co.) was added. The reaction was carried out at room temperature for 1 hours and then washed with PBST for five times. 100µl enzyme substrate visualization solution (ABTS; Sigma) was added. After visualizing for 20 minutes, the absorbance was determined at OD<sub>415nm</sub>.

Because the human DcR3 antibody of the invention may contain an anti-human G1 immunoglobulin Fc portion or an anti-human DcR3 portion, ELISAs were carried out with the two proteins respectively to select hybridomas which recognize only the human DcR3 portion but not the human G1 immunoglobulin Fc portion. The hybridomas (contained in 10% DMSO and 90% FCS) were stored at - 80°C and in liquid nitrogen and cultured with standard mammalian cell culture techniques (in RPMI 1640® containing 10% FCS supplemented with 200 mM glutamin and 50µM β-mercaptoethanol). The hybridomas have been deposited with ~~the Culture Collection and Research Center of Food Industry Research and Development Institute (Hsinchu, Taiwan) on October 11, 2000~~ the China Center for Type Culture Collection (CCTCC; Wuhan University, Wuhan 430072, P. R. China). The CCTCC accession numbers for Hybridomas 3H5 and 9A10C3 are CCTCC C200112 and CCTCC C200113, respectively. ~~The accession numbers are Hybridoma 9A10C3: CCRC 960123 and Hybridoma 3H5: CCRC 960122, respectively.~~